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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference listed on Form PTO-1449 is attached.

U.S. Patent 5,521,979 is discussed in the present specification beginning at page 2 thereof.

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Respectfully submitted,

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